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Stage 2 Fire Restrictions on the Gila National Forest **prohibit the following:**



Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest system lands within the Gila National Forest and those portions of the Apache National Forest lying within New Mexico administered by the Gila National Forest, in the counties of Catron, Grant, Hidalgo and Sierra within the state of New Mexico. A map of the restricted area is available at Forest Service offices.

PROHIBITIONS:

- (1) Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire or stove fire. 36 CFR 261.52(a).
- (2) Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building. 36 CFR 261.52.
- (3) Possessing, discharging or using any kind of firework or other pyrotechnic device. 36 CFR 261.52(f).
- (4) Using an explosive. 36 CFR 261.52(b).
- (5) Operating a chainsaw or other equipment powered by an internal or external combustion engine is prohibited.
- (6) Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame. 36 CFR 261.52(i).
- (7) Possess or use a motor vehicle off National Forest system Roads. 36 CFR 261.52(i), except when parking in an area devoid of vegetation within 10 feet of the roadway; and except for parking overnight in developed campgrounds and at trailheads.
- (8) Violating any state law concerning burning, fires, or which is for the purpose of preventing or restricting the spread of fire. 36 CFR § 261.52(k).

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from the order:

- (1) Persons with a permit that authorizes actions specifically prohibited by the closure order.
- (2) Persons in a developed recreation site using a fire fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels.
- (3) Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- (4) Lessee or permittees within the restricted area are exempt from prohibition 1 above, provided such fires are within their residence.

This Order is necessary to protect public health and safety due to very high fire danger resulting from dry conditions. This Order becomes effective at (time), (date) May, 2011, and will remain in force until rescinded or until December 31, 2011, whichever occurs first.

To report a fire, dial 911. For information on current fire restrictions on public lands in New Mexico and Arizona, call 1-877-864-6985.



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